

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2000-589-C - ORDER NO. 2001-249

MARCH 19, 2001

IN RE: Application of Max-Tel Communications,)	ORDER GRANTING
Inc. for Approval of Flexible Regulation.)	FLEXIBLE
)	REGULATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Max-Tel Communications, Inc. (Max-Tel or the Company) for flexible regulatory treatment of its local telecommunications services comparable to that authorized for New South Communications through Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C. Max-Tel requests that the Commission approve a rate structure incorporating a maximum rate level with the flexibility for adjustment below the maximum rate levels for its local exchange services. Further, Max-Tel requests that its local exchange tariff filings be presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission's right within thirty (30) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filing, in which case such filing would be suspended pending further Order of the Commission, and that any such tariff filings will be subject to the same monitoring process as similarly situated competitive local exchange carriers.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Executive Director, Max-Tel published a Notice of Filing in the Commission subscription service. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received. We will now proceed to rule on the matter summarily.

We find that the “New South” method of relaxed regulation for competitive local exchange carriers has worked well for other requesting carriers, and that it is in the public interest to grant the relaxed regulation to Max-Tel. We therefore grant the relaxed regulation to Max-Tel as filed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)